



February 26, 2016

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

NOTICE!

Ocotillo District Meeting Scheduled!

The Mobile Office meeting for March has been replaced with a District meeting on March 30! I am excited to meet with you and your neighbors at Challenger Middle School located on 6905 W. Maryland Ave in the gym.

All are welcome to come out for an opportunity to meet your neighbors and talk with your local representative about the issues that most concern you, including topics involving the Police Department, Fire Department, Code Compliance, Public Works Departments, Parks & Recreation and Valley Metro, and many others.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with you face-to-face, and discuss the issues that are most important to you and your families.

We Need Your Input!

Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library
In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale.

The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services.



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For more information, please go to

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/WesternAreaBranchStudy.cfm>



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants **YOUR** input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

Please visit www.glendaleaztmp.com and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale. The deadline to take the survey is Monday February 29!

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes-vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link and **Thank You** for your input!!

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'

The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sunset walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zerkow, President of



Safe Haven

Are you afraid to keep your baby?
Do you just want someone to take your baby to, keep and make sure the baby gets home?

You have options. Arizona has **Safe Haven Law** which identifies places where mothers can leave their babies anonymously. If you need a Safe Haven response team to assist you with questions, call 1-866-707-7669.

If your baby is unharmed, under 24 hours old and you intend to return the baby, you can simply bring the baby to the Safe Haven locations:

**Any Hospital
Any Ambulance
Any Designated Adoption Agency
On-duty Fire Department
Any Designated Church**

CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs **Feb. 1 through March 31**, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Glendale Folk And Heritage Festival Celebrates Arizona Lore And Culture

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services is sponsoring the 2016 Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival, a celebration of folk music, its history and culture, on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival takes place at the Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area located at 9802 N. 59th Avenue and at Glendale Main Public Library at 59th Avenue and Brown Street. The free event features folk and bluegrass music performed by more than 250 musicians, live cowboy poetry and authentic storytelling. Attracting local residents and regional visitors alike, the event is held every spring to foster an understanding and appreciation of traditional Arizona music and culture through experiential learning, performances and workshops.

The line-up of Western musicians, singers, banjo players, fiddlers and storytellers brings together some of the region's most talented authentic cowboys and performers, including the Arizona Culture- Keepers, Hans Olson, Marshall Trimble, Anni Beach, official Arizona State Balladeer Dolan Ellis, along with Grammy winners, Rick and Donna Nestler, Rik Palieri and Ronnie Hazelett.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Some seating is available, however, attendees are advised to bring their own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. For more information about times and listings of entertainment and activities, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/SRPH, or call 623-930-4201.

OOH-LA-LA! Glendale Transforms Into Paris In The Spring March 5.

Put on your beret and head to Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court for a très magnifique event on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Paris in the Spring will bring all things French to Glendale, with shopping and dining and much more.

This is an opportunity to experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking and event map to find out where to go for all of the activities, plus the first 100 visitors in the door will receive a West Valley info pack.

For additional information on Paris in the Spring, call 623-930-4500 or like us on [facebook.com/GlendaleCVB](https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB). You can also stay in touch and up to date on travel tips, events and discounts at www.VisitGlendale.com or by following @GlendaleCVB on Twitter. The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140 in Historic Downtown Glendale.

SPRING TRAINING OPENING IS DESIGNATED "GLENDALE DAY" AT CAMELBACK RANCH WITH SPECIAL FESTIVITIES MARCH 3

The city of Glendale will usher in the start of spring training in the Valley of the Sun on Thursday, March 3, when the Chicago White Sox take on the Los Angeles Dodgers at 1:05 p.m. at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, 10710 W. Camelback Rd.



This crackerjack day in Glendale starts off with pre-game activities that will include a ceremonial first pitch from Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps as well as introductions of the Glendale City Council.

Visit Glendale (Glendale CVB) will have a booth to greet visitors and debut Glendale's 2016 Official Visitor Guide, as well as hand out giveaways for fans in attendance. Glendale's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services will also provide residents and visitors on facilities and services offered in the city.

To celebrate spring training in a big way, the city and Camelback Ranch are giving away a suite (that includes 12 tickets) on social media. To enter, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VisitGlendale and click on the 'Giveaway' tab at the top of the timeline. The contest will run Feb. 29 through March 5. Winner will be able to select a Monday-Thursday game, based on availability. Must be 18 years or older to enter, and city of Glendale employees are not eligible. Winners agree to have their name and photos used for promotional purposes.

Spring training at Camelback Ranch-Glendale will feature additional promotions this season, such as Uptown Alley Family Days on Sundays, spring break specials and Senior Day every Wednesday. Be sure to check out www.camelbackranchbaseball.com for the complete line-up of events and promotions and ticket information.

To purchase tickets at the ballpark, head to 10710 W. Camelback Road. Box office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on game days, 10 a.m. to 30 minutes following conclusion of play.

For additional information on Glendale Day at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or obtain information online at www.visitglendale.com.



Create a Sense of Place Through a Desert-Friendly Yard

Free landscape classes, desert plants, and activities at the Glendale Garden Gathering

The Sonoran Desert comes alive in the spring with blooming flowers and active wildlife. Discover how easy it is to reinvigorate your yard, while saving water, by attending the Glendale Garden Gathering. This special environmental event will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library and adjacent Xeriscape Demonstration Garden (5959 W. Brown St.). Learn how you can create a vibrant, desert-friendly landscape that will welcome birds, pollinators, and other beneficial animals.

This free, family-friendly activity will include information booths, gardening crafts for kids, and landscape classes for adults. Come early for a free guided bird walk at 8 a.m. in the Xeriscape Garden, led by Arizona Audubon. Exhibitors from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Audubon, Southwest Monarch Study, among others will be on-hand to answer questions, share tips, and provide resources.

Two free classes on desert landscaping will be offered in the Main Library's auditorium:

* 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Invite Wildlife into Your Yard. Hear from a Valley expert about how to create a sanctuary for wildlife by providing a hospitable habitat compatible with our desert climate.

* 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Stunning Yards are Going Native! Learn about the beauty and diversity of the Sonoran Desert and how you can create an attractive, vibrant, and water-smart landscape with native plants. Class attendees will receive a free, Arizona-friendly plant after attending a class. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for one or both classes, call 623-930-3760 or email GreenLiving@glendaleaz.com.

The Glendale Garden Gathering is coordinated by the City of Glendale Water Services Department - Conservation and Sustainable Living Division and funded by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund. For more information call 623-930-3535 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation.

Glendale Today with Councilmember Jamie Aldama: Envision 2040

Glendale Councilmember Jamie Aldama of the Ocotillo District gives viewers a closer look at the city's General Plan known as "Envision 2040" in his new edition of the TV show "Glendale Today". Councilmember Aldama talks to Planning Director Jon Froke about the plan and how it is the blueprint for the future of Glendale's business and residential development.

Councilmember Aldama also highlights new development and construction projects under the Glendale Centerline Initiative specific to the Ocotillo District, including the Brelby Theater, the Desert Rose Steakhouse, Total Smiles Dental, Glendale Pediatrics and the Family Dollar store.

[Click here to view Councilmember Aldama's Glendale Today Show](#)



Want to Report a Code Violation?

Please use this link to report a code violation. The Code Compliance Department will then follow-up. Please be sure to provide all information that is requested.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance/multiple-complaint-form.cfm>

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf>

Coming Up

**EXTRA! EXTRA! GET YOUR 2016 OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE HOT OFF THE PRESSES**

Locals and travelers alike will want a copy of this one-of-a-kind magazine

What is new and exciting in Glendale and the West Valley? Where are the hottest spots for outdoor recreation? What are the restaurants that only the locals know about? All these questions and more are answered in Glendale's 2016 Official Visitor Guide - Visit Glendale, Arizona and the West Valley, available now at many locations throughout the region, and of course, at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. Suite 140.



This beautiful, 36-page magazine is now in its tenth year of publication, and not only celebrates that milestone, but also the unveiling of the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau's (CVB) rebranding to Visit Glendale. Revealed at the CVB's annual meeting in the fall, the new branding and logo are present throughout the publication, along with the magazine's fresh look and design.

The insider tips on events, shopping, dining, accommodations and more will also include:

A welcome message from Visit Glendale staff, including personal recommendations on their favorite local spots

- A journey through Glendale's history
- Artistic diversions - for arts and culture lovers
- The local's guide to Glendale
- 2016 events calendar
- Resources for businesses and meeting planners

This guide is distributed to leisure travelers, sports fans, tour guide operators and travel planners, and is among the top five guides picked up by visitors at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

To download a digital version of the guide, simply visit www.VisitGlendale.com. You can also download the Visit Glendale app, free for iPhone and Android devices, to get directions, and find restaurants, shopping and other things to do while you're in the area. For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or online.

Free Classes At Velma Teague Library - Citizenship CLASSES (Citywide)

January - March
Monday Evenings
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This is a 10-week class teaching the fundamentals of U.S. politics, government and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. Sponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Classes are free. Registration required. Staff Contact: Mike Beck at 623-930-3546.

Save The Date!
Sunday, April 10, 2016 - 8:00 am
Glendale Family Bike Ride at Sahuaro Ranch Park
59th Avenue and Mountain View
Questions? Call 623-930-2940

To find out who your Community Action Team with the Glendale Police Department is click here:

https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM_MAP_032315.pdf



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